Committee on Academic Programs and Planning

Guidelines for proposing a New Concentration (Track, Option, Certificate or Minor) for an existing degree program

Please read this section of Stockton's procedure, and then customize the New Option Proposal template (below). Please note that you must continue updating the proposal with information from the first program faculty meeting, all the way to the Faculty Senate meeting.

You may begin announcing and offering the new option to students when the Provost's Office sends the completed proposal and attachments to the Academic Issues Committee (AIC) of the New Jersey President's Council.

From Stockton University Procedure #2040: Life Cycle of Degree Programs

II. Obtaining Approval of New or Expanded Academic Programs

B. Program Approval Process

Occasional changes in specialized fields may also necessitate a change from an interdisciplinary minor or program to a newly-adopted or more specialized/focused program.

- 1. <u>Academic Programs and Planning Committee Approval</u>: All faculty proposing new programs will use the proposal development materials found on the web site for the Academic Programs and Planning Committee (APPC) of the Faculty Senate. These materials include the New Jersey state program approval process through its Academic Issues Committee (AIC) of the President's Council. The faculty will submit the proposal to the APPC, who will provide feedback to the faculty until the proposal meets the criteria for approval at the next level.
- 2. <u>Faculty Senate and Provost Council Approval</u>: Every new program requires both faculty member(s) and an administrative lead to navigate the proposal between existing Faculty Senate and Provost's Council parallel internal shared governance structures. These parallel processes ensure full consideration, feedback and consultation from all affected parties. Consultation continues until both Faculty Senate and Provost's Council communicate their decision to the Provost.